

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to be consistent throughout the specification. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to correct a grammatical error. Claims 1-11 and 15-21 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Rejection Under 35 USC 112, First Paragraph

The Office Action states that Claims 1 and 15 are rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement in that said claims, as amended, do not have support from the specification. The Specification has been amended to be consistent throughout the specification. The paragraph on page 10, line 12 has been amended to be consistent with all other descriptions of the molecular weight of the biodegradable thermoplastic polymers, such as the description on page 5, lines 20-23.

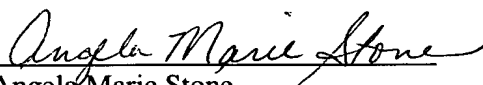
Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC 112, First Paragraph. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place their application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as now claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1 -11 and 15-21.

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